

**From:** [Loesel, Matthew](#)  
**To:** [Smith, Monica](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Burn Units for Vegetative Debris  
**Date:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:01:11 AM

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I will call you at 11:30 give me a number

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-----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Monica  
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:00 AM  
To: Carroll, Craig <Carroll.Craig@epa.gov>; Smalley, Bryant <smalley.bryant@epa.gov>; Loesel, Matthew <loesel.matthew@epa.gov>  
Subject: RE: Burn Units for Vegetative Debris

We will have an entry on this in the update tomorrow.  
Monica

-----Original Message-----

From: Carroll, Craig  
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 10:52 AM  
To: Edlund, Carl <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov>  
Cc: Thompson, Steve <thompson.steve@epa.gov>; R6HarveyRICT <R6HarveyRICT@epa.gov>; Smith, Monica <smith.monica@epa.gov>; Smalley, Bryant <smalley.bryant@epa.gov>; Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>; Phillips, Pam <phillips.pam@epa.gov>; Seager, Cheryl <Seager.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Gilrein, Stephen <gilrein.stephen@epa.gov>; Payne, James <payne.james@epa.gov>; Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; Coleman, Sam <Coleman.Sam@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: Burn Units for Vegetative Debris

Spoke with Kelly this morning and he said TCEQ plans to conduct any needed air monitoring. Texas Forest Service will be monitoring conduct of the burns. They will be burning only vegetative debris and untreated lumber. Kelly will be emailing a letter later today

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 12, 2017, at 7:36 AM, Edlund, Carl <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Sur...let's at least ask

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> Sent from my iPad

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>> On Oct 11, 2017, at 9:13 PM, Carroll, Craig <Carroll.Craig@epa.gov> wrote:

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>> Did not ask Kelly but can if desired.

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>> On Oct 11, 2017, at 6:35 PM, Edlund, Carl <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>> So, have we asked TCEQ if they want EPA to do air monitoring to have the assurance that this is safe?

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>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>> On Oct 11, 2017, at 4:11 PM, Thompson, Steve <thompson.steve@epa.gov> wrote:

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>>>> I also just spoke with Keith Sheedy of TCEQ about the pending request. They are seeking a No Action Assurance from EPA for the use of air curtain incinerators for vegetative debris. They are writing the request and identifying the specific federal rules where they are seeking relief and should have to us later today or tomorrow morning. I have given OECA a heads up. TCEQ said that a response tomorrow is preferred so that they can start operations on Friday.

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>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>> From: Carroll, Craig

>>>> Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 3:40 PM

>>>> To: Edlund, Carl <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov>

>>>> Cc: R6HarveyRICT <R6HarveyRICT@epa.gov>; Smith, Monica <smith.monica@epa.gov>; Smalley, Bryant <smalley.bryant@epa.gov>; Thompson, Steve <thompson.steve@epa.gov>; Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>; Phillips, Pam <phillips.pam@epa.gov>

>>>> Subject: Burn Units for Vegetative Debris

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>>>> Kelly Cook called just now and said that, at the request of the Governor, Texas is deploying 6 Burn Units to Aransas County for burning of vegetative debris. At least two are anticipated to be in operation by this Friday (10/13). Apparently this will require the EPA to waive certain requirements such as hours of operation. Kelly will be providing more details later today.

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